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SUBJECT: TFRW01: SITUATION REPORT AS OF 1200 EDT,
4/09/94

1. (U) ISLAMABAD PLEASE PASS TO DEPSEC TALBOTT.

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2. (LOU) ALL 258 AMERICANS KNOWN TO EMBASSY KIGALI HAVE BEEN CONTACTED WITH EVACUATION INFORMATION. ALL, WITH ONE EXCEPTION, HAVE INDICATED A DESIRE TO LEAVE RWANDA.

3. (LOU) THE THREE CONVOYS FROM KIGALI WILL BE PICKING UP 25-30 AMERICANS ALONG THE WAY, MOST IN BUTARE. THERE ARE ALSO SEVERAL OTHER NATIONALITIES IN THE CONVOY, INCLUDING: GERMANS, BRITISH, CANADIANS, BURUNDIANS, BELGIANS, INDIANS, EGYPTIANS, FINNS, TANZANIANS, AND PERUVIANS.

4. (C) IF STOPPED OR CHALLENGED, CONVOY LEADERS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INITIALLY RESPOND THAT THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THEY ARE SUBJECT TO IDENTIFICATION CHECK. IF THIS IS UNSUCCESSFUL, THEY MAY OFFER TO PAY OFF THOSE BLOCKING THE ROAD. THEY ARE TO CHECK IN REGULARLY TO THE EMBASSY VIA RADIO WITH STATUS REPORTS.

5. (LOU) EMBASSY BUJUMBURA'S RSO, GSO, AND THREE AID
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EMPLOYEES (INCLUDING A DOCTOR) ARE WAITING AT THE BORDER TO ASSIST THE CONVOY. BURUNDI RADIO ANNOUNCED THAT THE BURUNDI GOVERNMENT IS PLEASED TO BE ASSISTING IN THE HUMANITARIAN EVACUATION EFFORT.

6. (LOU) THE EMBASSY ESTIMATES ABOUT 75 AMERICANS HAVE LEFT THE COUNTRY BY THEIR OWN MEANS ACROSS LAND BORDERS. THE AMBASSADOR BELIEVES THAT TWO MORE CONVOYS FROM KIGALI WILL PROBABLY BE REQUIRED TOMORROW.

7. (LOU) A BURUNDI AIRPORT OFFICIAL WHO REFUSED TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF TOLD THE U.S. MARINES THAT NO MATTER WHAT THE BURUNDI GOVERNMENT SAYS, NO C-141 WILL BE ALLOWED TO LAND. JCS WILL CALL OUR CHARGE TO HAVE HIM CONFIRM AIRPORT ACCESS, AND THE TASK FORCE DIRECTOR IS CONTACTING THE CHARGE.

8. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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